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1. Circular letter No 312 of the Polish Gdynia-America Line, dated 12 August 1950, [] tober 1950. The circular is addressed to the masters of all vessels of the Gdynia-America Line and covers the inductions in 1950. It reads:

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"We hereby direct your attention to the directives issued by the military district commandant of Gdynia concerning the 1950 inductions. According to the directives, all men of the 1929 and 1930 classes who are subject to the draft, all men of the 1927 and 1928 classes who have so far been deferred from military service, and all men of the 1905 through 1926 classes who have not yet been in military service will have to appear before the draft board. In addition, all previously examined men of the 1931 and 1932 classes may report for voluntary enlistment. *

"All men concerned may find further details in the bulletin of the military district commandant of Gdynia of 15 August 1950, which is displayed in the Department for Personnel and Ship's Crews, the Department of the Reserve, and in the Seamen's Section of the Union of Freighters, Gdynia. In making this known we should like to remind you that employers, including the masters of vessels, will be held responsible for employees reporting on time, and that should a vessel call at a Polish port after the deadline set by this directive, the master must send the employees concerned to the district draft board and must furnish them with statements regarding their working aboard and the date of return of the vessel.

"Each man subject to the draft must report to the draft board mentioned in the bulletin mentioned. All personnel registered as living aboard ships must report to the district draft board in Gdynia. Draft dodgers are liable to prosecution within the meaning of paragraph 83 of the Universal Military Service Law. "

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* Comment. The circular letter confirms previous data on the conscription of Poles of the 1929 and 1930 classes.
The induction of two classes in 1950 is the result of the Universal Military Service Law of 4 February 1950, which reduces the draft age from 21 years to 20 years. Whether the induction of two classes will substantially increase the Polish Armed Forces can be determined only after the actual induction, which takes place between 1 September and 30 October 1950, according to Article 21 of the Universal Military Service Law.

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